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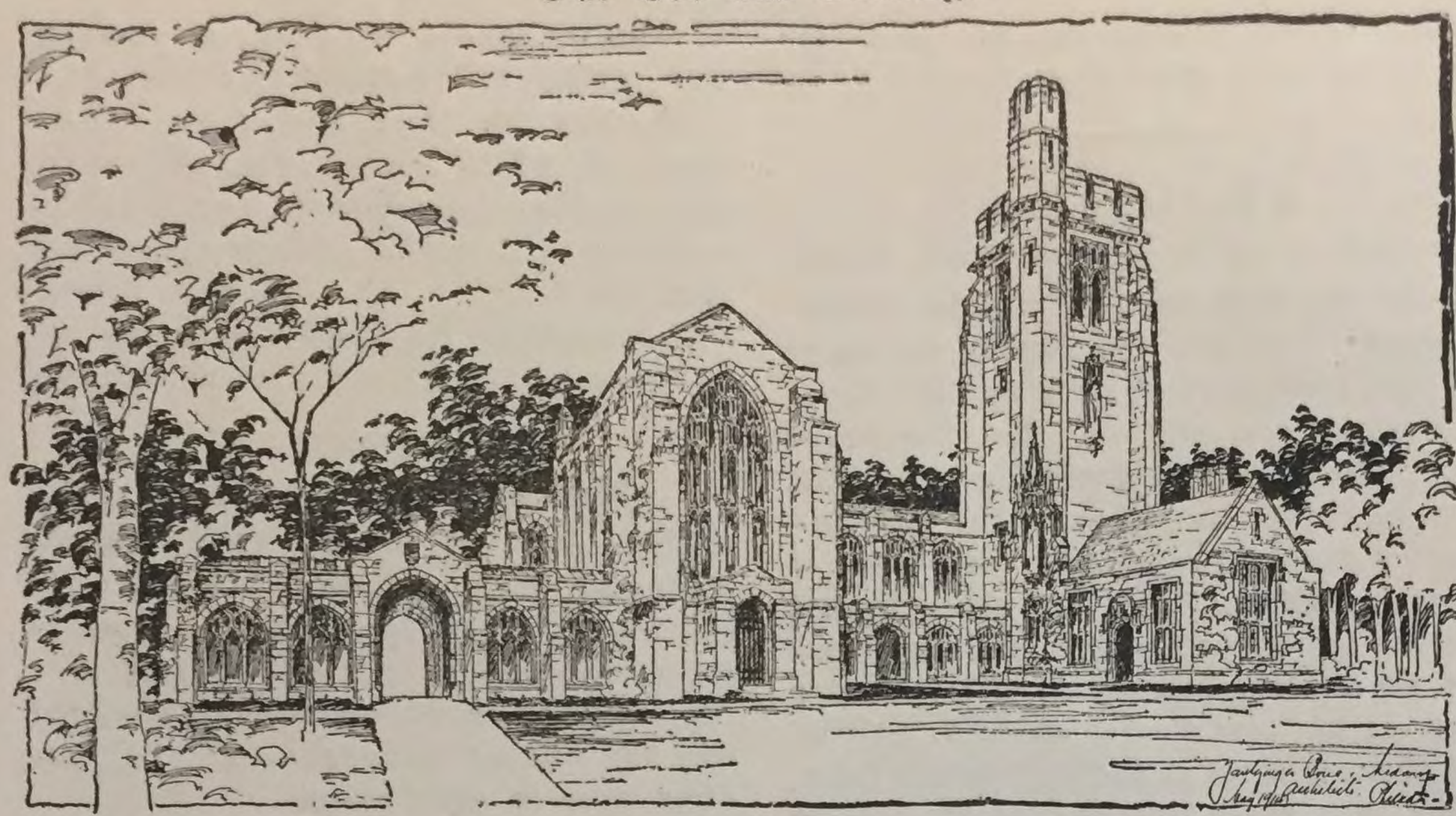

Cloister of the Colonies Washington Memorial Chapel Patriots' Hall Tower and Library

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY

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Progress.

On Monday, June 7th, the contractor began work on the completion of the Washington Memorial Chapel. This is a very simple statement, and yet for those who know the history of this movement it means much. Of course the first work has been that of preparation. This included the erection of temporary quarters for the sexton and his family, as well as the removal of the roof which has sheltered the incomplete building. The Pews of the Patriots, the tablets of the Singners of the Declaration of Independence and the Framers of the Constitution, the Washington Statuette and the New Jersey State Panel of the Roof of the Republic have been placed on exhibition in the temporary Chapel, where the services will be held until the entire Chapel has been completed. The bronze tablets in memory of Thaddeus Thompson, John Benjamin and the Men of the Maine have been placed in the Museum, awaiting their final placing. Much of the cut-stone has already been prepared and the work will go on now with as much speed as is consistent with the character and quality of the work demanded. From month to month we hope to report to our readers the progress made, as each will bring us

nearer to the attainment of that for which we have labored so long.

A Red Letter Day.

June 6, 1915, is another Red Letter Day in the Washington Memorial Chapel Calendar. It was the Sunday on which the last services were held in the Chapel before the removal of the temporary super-structure in preparation for the completion of the edifice. The last service on Sunday afternoon was one of special rejoicing. Every one present felt the inspiration of the moment and the joy of the occasion. The Rector took as his text Zechariah 4: 7: "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it."

He said he had used this text before in connection with the work of the Washington Memorial, as it aptly expressed the spirit of hope and confidence required in the building of this House of God. The discouragements from internal indifference and external opposition marked both the rebuilding of the Temple of Jerusalem and the erection of the Chapel of the Washington Memorial. But the same God is over all and He prospered the work in spite of men's inactivity and hostility.

The Rector told of the twelve years of hope and prayer and work, twelve years in which from no communicant the congregation had grown to number 97. The work began without a cent, now was represented by a property worth $80,000. In addition to this there is an endowment fund of nearly $6,000. To this through the splendid efforts of the Washington Chapel Committee the entire sum required for the completion of the Chapel has been added. With the expenditure of nearly $60,000 the value of the property will be increased not only to the amount of the cost of the addition, but to the enhanced value of a complete and perfect architectural structure.

The Rev. Mr. Burk told of his own rejoicing in which those present so heartily joined and of the wonderful prospect of inspiration and service which opened before the Parish. All who were present will remember this last service as one of the most inspiring and memorable.

Memorial Day at the Chapel.

The steady fall of rain which marked Memorial Day naturally affected the celebration of the day as far as numbers were concerned. In spite of this fact the Sunday School was well represented and the regular attendants of the services were in their places.

By 3.45 the rain stopped long enough to have the procession pass from the Parish house to the Chapel. Each chorister and member of the schools carried an American flag on a staff. On leaving the Chapel to go to the Waterman monument every one present was given a flag, so that the effect in the Chapel and at the Monument was most inspiring.

The Rector preached the sermon in which he spoke of Memorial Day as the Nation's All Saints' Day, and showed how the commemoration had passed from that of the dead of the Federal Armies to the beloved of all the Nation. He pointed out the peculiar obligation on the part of the members of the Washington Memorial Chapel to hallow the day. To them had been entrusted these beautiful memorials and to them belonged their care and veneration.

Under the direction of Mrs. S. Col. Summerill the children had made wreaths for all the Pews of the Patriots and other memorials. In the retrocessional these were placed on the Pews, etc. Colonial Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, sent their annual gift of beautiful flowers for the Waterman Monument. These were arranged in two large sprays and a wreath, and as

these were placed the first verse of the retrocessional hymn was sung:

"For all the Saints, who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever bless'd,
Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

Treasurers' Reports.

Report of treasurer of the Parish, Mr. Frank Quigg, for year ending April 30, 1915:

Bal. of last report ..... none

RECEIPTS.

Envelopes and offerings ...	$746 04	
Endowment	258 29	
Missions	39 05	—$1043 38
From Guild		180 00
From carnival		198 57
From special offerings		13 02
		$1434 97

DISBURSED.

Salary of rector	$800 00	
Salary of sexton	383 00	
Interest	78 75	
Episcopal Hospital	7 08	
Red Cross	13 02	
Genl. Missions	36 25	
Sundries	62 55	
Diocesan and Convention Fund	52 50	—$1433 15
Balance		$1 82

Report of Treasurer of the Parish Building Fund, Washington Memorial Chapel, Mr. Leslie Jefferis, Treasurer, for year ending May 1st. 1915:

Balance May 1st, 1914	$178 57	
Receipts	2761 74	—$2940 31

Expenditures.

Building	$2004 09	
Endowment Fund	150 00	—$2154 09
Balance May 1st, 1915		$786 22

Parochial Report from May 1st, 1914, to May 1st, 1915.

Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge. Admitted 1911. The Rev. W. Herbert Burk, B. D., Rector; Mr. S. Col. Summerill, Rector's Warden; Mr. Frank Quigg, Accounting Warden.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 4, total 6; whole number of baptized persons 130; confirmed, male 1, female 4, total 5; communicants added, new 5, by transfer 4, total 9; removed, by death 2, by revision 2, by transfer 2, total 6; present number of communicants 97; marriages 5; burials 6; public services, Sunday 103, other days 48, total 151; holy communion 36; children catechised times, 46; mission stations, 1; Sunday school and Bible classes (2), officers and teachers, 10; scholars, 61; total membership, 71; other parish agencies, officers 4, members 42, total 46; church 1, sittings 125; parish building 1; rectory 1; cemetery 1; salary of Rector, per annum, $1500; of which from Convocation Fund, none; of which from Sustentation Fund, none; arrears of salary, $625; total number of free sittings, all.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Estimated aggregate value of Parish property, real and personal, $80,000, encumbrances, on church edifice, none; on other buildings and lands used for parish purposes, $12,000; other indebtedness, $6464.42; endowment fund for support of parish, $4,178.12; for the Valley Forge Museum of American History, $630; for the Washington Memorial Library, $800. Are your church and trust funds properly secured? Yes. If so, how? By Penn Trust Company, Norristown, Pa.

RECEIPTS—PAROCHIAL.

A. For Parish Support: From envelopes, collections and all other ordinary contributions from members of the parish, $621.04. Income from investments, ground rents, etc., $258.29. Aid received from without the parish: (a) From Convocation, or Sustentation Fund, none; (b) From Woman's Auxiliary, $50.00; (c) From persons not members of parish, $675. Total aid from without, $725.00. From Guild, $378.57. Communion alms, $14.19. Total for parish support, $1,997.09.

B. For special parochial purposes: For endowment fund, $150; for permanent improvements, $2,611.74; for payment of debts, $650. Total for special parochial purposes, $3,411.74.

C. Receipts of parish organizations: Sunday schools, $346.89; Woman's Auxiliary, $8.00; Washington Chapel Guild, $671.29; Charity Hospital Committee, $22.00; total of parish organizations, $1048.18. Total parochial, $6,456.91. Grand total of receipts for all purposes, $6,456.91.

EXPENDITURES—PAROCHIAL.

Current expenses: Salaries of minister, $800.00; music and bell ringing, $76.74; fuel and lighting, $79.09; care of church buildings and grounds and ordinary repairs of the same, $383.00. Total of current expenses, $1,338.83.

Other ordinary parochial expenditures: Payment of debts (other than mortgages), $650.00; interest on loan or mortgages, $697.50; insurance, ; for the poor, $7.00; miscellaneous items, $62.55.

Total or other ordinary parochial expenditures, $1,417.05.

Special or extraordinary expenditures: Added to endowment funds, $205; permanent improvements, building, $2,004.09; total of special parochial expenditures, $2209.09.

Parish organizations: Sunday schools, $168.46; Washington Chapel Guild, $104 99; total of parish organizations, $273.45; total parochial, $5,238.42.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Convention Funds, $52.50; Diocesan missionary work, Convocation, $45.00. Total for Diocesan missionary work, $45.00. Episcopal Hospital, $7.08. Bishop's Fund, $6.63. Charity Hospital, Norristown, $22.00; miscellaneous, $2.00. Total Diocesan, $135.01.

Extra Diocesan: Missions, applicable on the apportionment, from Sunday schools, $49.77; from Woman's Auxiliary, $8.00; from collection or duplex envelopes, $36.25. Total applicable on the apportionment, $94.02. Missions: not applicable on the apportionment, from miscellaneous gifts, or collections, $4.35. Total missions not applicable on apportionment, $4.35. Christian or theological education, $9.75; Red Cross, $13.02; Belgian relief fund, $40.00. Total extra Diocesan, $161.14. Total for all objects, $5,534.27. Balance as reported by Accounting Warden, $1.82.

OTHER INFORMATION.

During the past year a committee was organized to raise the money for the completion of the Chapel. This committee has accomplished its work and the contract has been given. The Chapel property, exclusive of the cemetery, has been vested in the Bishops of the Diocese and Dr. Charles Custis Harrison as trustees. They will deed the property to the Trustees of the Diocese when the building is erected and paid for.

The Connecticut Bay in the Cloister of the Colonies, given by the Patriotic Societies of Connecticut, has been built and awaits dedication. The Door in memory of the Allies who aided Washington and his soldiers was presented by the Society of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.

Our Log Cabin.

The building operations have left the Sunday School bereft of a place in which to hold its session. The Rector believes it will be most unwise to give up any sessions of the School and therefore has planned a novel Sunday School building back of the site of the Washington Memorial Library in the Grove where for several years picnics have been held. The cabin will be 20 feet wide and 40 feet long. His plans call for a picturesque building and it ought to be of the greatest use of the congregation and community for a long time to come. The logs were cut last year in the Valley Forge Park and purchased by Mr. Burk for the gymnasium which the boys of the Parish had expected to build. Their work stopped with the digging of a small hole, where it was intended to put a basement with lockers, shower baths, etc. Meanwhile the logs were lying on the ground, perfectly useless. But Monday afternoon, on the 7th of June, the work was begun and a temporary roof was put on the hut on the 12th. The Sunday School would have used it for the first time on the next day, but a fierce storm made it necessary to retreat to the frame Chapel. The Parish luncheon, however, was served in the Cabin.

During the summer the log cabin will be used by the Martha Washington Tea Room. The plane includes a great open fire-place of stone at one end. The entrance on the side will lead to the kitchen a few feet distant from the Cabin. This will also be built of logs. The Rector was able to begin this work through the pledge made by Mrs. Wilson, President of the Guild, that the members would contribute $75 toward the expenses.

The Martha Washington Tea Room.

For several years the Tea Room gave the Guild an annual income of $300 or more. Last year, by a resolution of the Vestry, the entire control of the Tea Room was vested in the Guild which made an arrangement with Miss Ann W. Pechin for its maintenance on a commission basis. This year the only applicant to the Guild was Miss Mary S. Stephens, who has been very successful so far. The Tea Room will be held in the log cabin this summer. This will be a most attractive place for it, and there ought to be a great many patrons.

A good moral character is the first essential in a man. It is, therefore, highly important to endeavor not only to be learned, but virtuous.—Washington.

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VESTRYMEN.

Mr. Charles C. Harrison, Jr., Mr. Richard Haughton, Mr. Nathan B. Hughes, Mr. Leslie Jefferis, Mr. Frank Quigg, Mr. S. Col. Summerill, Mr. Henderson Supplee, Mr. Clayton Stephens Walker, Mr. C. Colket Wilson, Jr.

Miss Mary M. Hibbs, Chorister.
Miss Mary Pugh, Organist.
Mr. Louis Buler, Sexton.

Sundays.

10.45 A. M. Service and Sermon.
2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Holy Communion, First Sunday.
Saints' Days, 9.30 A. M. Holy Communion.

King-of-Prussia:

9 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

The Valley Forge Museum of American History.

Curator, The Rev. W. Herbert Burk, B. D.
Assistant Curator, Mr. Reginald L. Hart.

The Washington Memorial Library.

Librarian, Mr. E. Russell Jones.

Mrs. F. J. Allen has planned a delightful evening for the friends of the Chapel in the Camp Tea Room, opposite the old Camp School. In addition to the good things usually found at a strawberry festival there will be a sale of home-made candy, cakes and bread. During the evening Mr. Beachboard, of the Edison Laboratory, will give a demonstration of "the Diamond Disc Phonograph,"

The Musicale.

The musicale given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilson on June 10, was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of guests. The house was profusely decorated with peonies, whose bright colors added to the beauty of the scene. The balmy air of a perfect day in June made the broad porch overlooking the shaded lawn a favorite place in which to enjoy the music. This was of a high order, and the encores attested the audience's keen enjoyment of every number. Those whose talents gave so much pleasure were: Mr. and Mrs. John P. Liego, Mrs. Mahon, Mrs. John Naylor, Miss Rita Smith, Miss Marion Wilson, Master Isidore Hornitz and Miss Horwitz.

Refreshments were served before the second part of the program, and added to the pleasure of the day and its social enjoyment.

The Charity Hospital Fund.

If you have failed to contribute to the support of Charity Hospital, Norristown, please send your contribution for this noble charity to Miss Winifred Zulich, the Parish Treasurer of the Charity Hospital Fund. Miss Zulich's address is Valley Forge.

Independence Day.

The greatest celebration of Independence Day in the history of Valley Forge is planned for this year, and all that is needed to make it what its promoters hope is a clear day. The usual service of the Holy Communion will be held at 11.45 a. m., when the Rector will be the preacher. The Sunday School will hold

its session at 2.30. The Rev. Henri M. G. Huff, minister in charge of St. James' Church, Perkiomen, and his excellent choir will have entire charge of the service at 3.30. The Rev. Mr. Huff will preach a patriotic sermon. It is hoped that this service will be largely attended.

The Joint Committee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and city of Philadelphia will hold a patriotic service at the Washington Memorial Chapel at 5 o'clock, when the Hon Martin G. Brumbaugh, Governor of Pennsylvania, will make the address. A large military band will be present, and will play for a half hour before the service. The service will be held in the open air, and the Governor will use the beautiful open-air pulpit in the Cloister of the Colonies.

Report of the Valley Forge Park Commission, 1914.

COMMISSIONERS.

William H. Sayen, President, 1414 South Penn Square, Philadelphia.

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Office of the Valley Forge Park Commission.

December 31, 1914.

To His Excellency, John K. Tener, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

We have the honor to submit the Tenth Biennial Report of the Valley Forge Park Commission.

The Commissioners have held regular monthly and special meetings at their offices at Philadelphia and Valley Forge, and made official inspections directing the development of the Park; they labor harmoniously together and take a great interest in the duties devolving on them. A statement of receipts and disbursements on account of the appropriations to the Commission, prepared by our Treasurer, General Theodore E. Wiedersheim, is attached hereto. Itemized accounts duly certified have been filed in the office of the Auditor General.

In June of 1913, the State of New Jersey dedicated a marble monument surmounted by a Continental soldier in bronze, erected on the camp site of the New Jersey brigade, commanded by Gen. William Maxwell; and in October, 1914, the State of Delaware dedicated a granite Memorial on the River Road, the camp site of its regiment, not being owned by the Commonwealth. A granite Memorial with a bronze tablet, erected by the Commonwealth to Maj.-Gen. John Armstrong and the Pennsylvania Militia, who defended the approaches to the camp east of the Schuylkill, has been placed on the high point of the River Road.

The impressive Memorial Arch erected by the United States is approaching completion, but owing to the lack of appropriation by Congress, has not yet been transferred to the Commonwealth. It is hoped that a sufficient appropriation will be made by the Commonwealth to provide for a transfer with appropriate ceremonies.

In the summer of 1914 the Patroitic Society Sons of America placed a bronze tablet at the Elm tree close to headquarters, which has grown from a slip cut by one of its members at Mount Vernon, in the year 1888.

Both the interior and exterior of Washington's headquarters have been painted, and in accordance with plans for its restoration, it is being furnished with household articles of the Revolutionary epoch. The water station on

the grounds has been finished and equipped and affords safety and comfort to visitors.

The camp-grounds have been used in favorable seasons as an encampment for Boy Scouts, the cadets of the Pennsylvania Military Academy at Chester, Pennsylvania, companies of the National Guard and other organizations. Many Sunday schools, patriotic and fraternal societies, annually hold picnics there.

Two Shelter Houses at distant points from the railway station, for the comfort of visitors, as well as places of safety from sudden thunder storms and heavy rains, are badly needed.

Our Superintendent furnishes the following statistics of visitors:

	1913	1914 (11 months)	Inc'se	Dec'se
At Headquarters	150,500	205,750	55,250	
Automobiles	38,273	59,584	21,311	
Riders	153,092	238,336	85,244	
Carriages	4,594	4,450		144
Riders	13,782	13,350		432
Horseback Riders	424	692	268	
Pedestrians	36,131	33,382		2749
Motorcycles	3,568	5,071	1,503	
Bicycles	1,908	2,286	378	

The net increase of visitors for the 11 months of 1914 over the 12 months of 1913, is 139,462.

We have every confidence in the belief that the appropriation for which we ask, for acquiring more lands, will be heartily approved by the people of the Commonwealth; in fact, all the lands which comprised the camp should eventually be secured. Only about 472 acres have been acquired in twenty-one years, either by purchase or condemnation, through appropriations specifically made for the purpose. No appropriations for this object have been made since the year 1907.

In this connection it may be stated that the lands upon which the camps of the division of General Stirling, the brigades of Generals Varnum, Huntington and Woodford, the Artificers, and sections of the camps of Generals McIntosh, Patterson, Weedon, Mühlenberg, the Artillery Park and other corps, are not owned by the Commonwealth; and the land between the Star Redoubt and the Memorial Chapel, on which are entrenchments and excavations for huts, is now being offered for sale for cheap building lots.

New Hampshire Bay in the Cloister of the Colonies.

The New Hampshire Bay in the Cloister of the Colonies will be built this summer. This has been made possible through the generosity of Mr. Arthur E. Pearson, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, who will give the Bay in honor of the men of New Hampshire. Mr. Pearson's father and mother gave respectively the Presidents' Pew and the Pew Screen in memory of Washington and the Major Generals at Valley Forge. Mrs. Pearson also gave the handsome bronze tablet in memory of one of her ancestors, John Benjamin, one of the soldiers of the Revolution. Mr. Pearson and his father were deeply interested in the erection of the Massachusetts Bay, and gave largely of their own time and means to have this memorial erected at Valley Forge.

The New Hampshire Bay will adjoin the Chapel, and like it will be built of Holmesburg granite and Indiana limestone. The floor will be of Knoxville marble and in the center will be a reproduction in bronze of the seal of the Colony of New Hampshire. The ceiling will be of hand-carved oak, and on the central boss will be the arms of the State, carved and colored.

In this Bay will be two entrances into the Chapel. To the west will be the "Inauguration Door" which will be given by the Society of the Daughters of the State of New York in commemoration of Washington's inauguration as first President of the United States. This door, which is nearly completed, will be of heavy oak, and will bear the arms of the thirteen original colonies, and the in-

signia of the Society of the Daughters of the State of New York.

The North door will open into the choir room, and will harmonize in material, design, and finish with the Inauguration Door. An attractive feature of both doors will be the elaborate wrought iron hinges and locks, which will be the work of Mr. Samuel Yellin, the noted iron worker.

The New Hampshire Bay, which architecturally will be the first Bay in the Cloister of the Colonies, will be the ninth to be erected. The New Jersey Bay, the first State memorial at Valley Forge, was built by Miss Sarah R. Chew in 1905. The Pennsylvania Bay was erected in the following year by Mr. T. Broom Belfield, In 1907, the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown, the late Mr. George C. Thomas built the Virginia Bay, the imposing archway through which passes the drive through the Cloister garth. The following year Mr. James E. Mitchell gave the Maryland Bay. The Massachusetts Sons of the American Revolution was the first society to take part in the erection of the Cloister. It gave the Massachusetts Bay, which was dedicated June 19, 1909. The Delaware Bay was given in 1912 by Mr. George A. Elliott, President of the Delaware Society, Sons of the American Revolution, in the name of that Society. The central Bay was given by the Colonial Dames of America in the following year in memory of the men of New York. This Bay includes the beautiful pulpit, used in the open air services. Last year the Connecticut Bay was built. This is being given by the patriotic societies of the State.

A Letter to Valley Forge.

The following letter to Elias Boudinot is given in "The Life, Public Services, Addresses and Letters of Elias Boudinot, LLDL.," by J. J. Boudinot. As it bears upon the history of the encampment our readers will read it with interest:

Phil a 22d April 1778

Sir

His Exeellency Sir Wm Howe has been pleased to approve of the proposal that two officers be appointed on each side to determine the dispute respecting the 1821 Privates sent home last Winter and that they should meet at German Town for that purpose as soon as you please, and if agreeable to you, I will meet you there at some time, this being settled I hope all our business will go on more smoothly in future & that the captives on each side may soon be released from their confinement—As I find it much more agreeable to Sir Wm Howe that Col Campbell should come into Phil a beg he may be sent in as soon as possible, upon which I will immediately send you another order for the Exchange at York & to be final in that case

Excuse haste as Flag waits

I am Sir your most Obd t Humble

Jos a Loring
Com Gen l Pris rs

To Elias Boudinot Esq r
Commiss y Gen l American Pris rs
At Gen l Washington's Headquarters.

Philadelphia Chapter, D. A. R., Memorial.

Philadelphia Chapter, D. A. R., will be represented at Valley Forge by a most beautiful memorial in the Sanctuary, of the Washington Memorial Chapel. This will be a Sedile of Indiana limestone, with carved canopy. The Sedilia in the Sanctuary will commemorate Washington's Rectors. The central one on the right will be in memory of Bishop White, Washington's rector while in Philadelphia and his almoner. The first Sedile will be given by the Washington Memorial Sunday school in memory of the first assistant in the Parish, the late Reverend Francis Thompson Howell Finh. Most of the money for this memorial is now in hand. The Philadelphia Chapter has already paid for its Sedile.